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## U.S. BACKING IRAN Time-Limit On U.N.O. Protest

### WHO'S AFRAID?

Madras, March 18.  
Mr. Gandhi said here he was not afraid of the atom bomb.

"The atom bomb is powerless before my truth and non-violence," he said. "It may kill me, members of my family, and even the 400 millions of Indians; but what does it matter? There is no power in the atom bomb to kill our soul."—*Reuter*.

## Ten Bodies Dug Up At Stanley

More grim evidence of Japanese atrocities has just been uncovered at Stanley Prison, the "China Mail" understands.

It is learned that ten bodies, at least one of which is believed to be that of a European, have been dug up. The victims had been decapitated.

On one of the bodies a British Army sergeant-major's badge on a leather wrist-strap was found.

It is understood that a Japanese executioner now detained at Stanley has given information in connection with the finding of the bodies.

## U.N.R.R.A. Supplies To Be Rushed

Atlantic City, March 18.

Director-General Herbert Lehman reported yesterday that about 9,000,000 tons of desperately needed supplies were scheduled to be delivered to 16 countries by the U.N.R.R.A. between March and June 30.

## "Black Market" Steals Train

Hertford, Germany,  
March 18.

The black market is so elaborately organized in Germany that a gang was able to steal an entire trainload of coal in the Ruhr, transport it 200 miles and swap it for potatoes.

This was disclosed by a British Government officer who frankly admitted "We don't think the Germans could live without a black market. I mean little operators involving small-time swapping to meet individual needs."

"Those little transactions can never be stamped out. What we are trying to do is to keep the thing from getting out of hand." Special police teams are concentrating on efforts to trap ring-leaders. So many gangs have been caught on the high ways that black-marketiers have taken to the back roads where it is almost impossible to catch them.

Black marketing was so extensive in Brunswick recently that British troops encircled an entire sector and systematically searched every place. They rounded up thousands of persons.—*Associated Press*.

London, March 18.  
The Paris Radio announced today that M. Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to the United States, will head the French delegation to the United Nations Security Council meeting this month.—*Reuter*.

## Washington May Act Instead

WASHINGTON, MAR. 18.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SET A VIRTUAL 24-HOUR TIME LIMIT ON IRAN'S DELIVERY OF A PROTEST TO THE U.N.O. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST RUSSIAN ACTION IN IRAN. IT IS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY.

IF AT THE END OF THAT PERIOD IT WAS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER IRAN WAS ABLE TO ACT, ON HER OWN BEHALF, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD GO AHEAD WITH THE PROTEST OF ITS OWN, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED.

The Iranian Embassy in Washington was still awaiting word from Teheran to-night. Strong Russian pressure on the Iranian Government to refrain from bringing the Iranian question before the Security Council again is reported in diplomatic circles received in Washington.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Teheran is reported to have told Ghassem Es-Sulfani, Iranian Prime Minister, that Moscow would consider any appeal to the U.N.O. an unfriendly act, and would feel at liberty to take steps accordingly.

### Radio Silent

According to authoritative sources, the State Department had decided that if Mr. Wallace Murray, United States Ambassador in Teheran, is unable

to assure the Department within 24 hours that the Iranian Government definitely intends and is able to place its own case before the U.N.O., the United States Government itself will act.

Ankara Radio said last night that the Teheran Radio station had been off the air since early afternoon.

The broadcast, heard in London at 6 p.m. by the Associated Press, gave no other particulars. The general Iranian situation appeared quiet on the surface but officials here believe that events were boiling toward a climax sometime next week with the Russians putting increasing pressure on the Teheran Government to give way to their demands.

Some diplomats explain the Russians' immediate objective presumably is to get an Iranian government completely on its side and which would officially welcome the presence of the Soviet Army in Iran. Why the Russians are still there remains a mystery with Russian failure to reply to the American direct inquiry.

### Consul Held

American Vice-Consul Robert Rossow was stopped by a Russian sentry in Tabriz and held half an hour at a Red command post before his identity was established and he was released, the State Department said.

The local Soviet Consul-General expressed his regrets over the incident. Officials here said the State Department attached "no significance" to it.

Rosow is in a key position since Tabriz is a vital communications centre, through which virtually all Russian military movements southward in Iran must pass.—*Associated Press*.

### Oil Talks Unlikely

London, March 18.  
Iranian Embassy officials in London said that Iran is prepared to negotiate oil concessions with Russia on condition that the Soviet troops leave the country.

An Embassy spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the reports that the Premier Ahmed Qavam Sultaneh is at present negotiating with Russians in Teheran. He said it is highly improbable, however, in view of the Iranian law prohibiting oil talks until the foreign troops have evacuated.

"We do not think the Premier would dare to break this law," he added. The Premier is the virtual ruler of the country since Parliament has been dissolved, but he would have to answer to the new Parliament when it is elected.—*Associated Press*.

Cairo, Mar. 18.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Sikky Pasha, last night confirmed that negotiations for a revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty will start immediately after the arrival of the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, who is expected within a week or ten days.—*Reuter*.

## "Greatly Exaggerated"

Salt Lake City, Mar. 18.

The Russian-Iranian situation "has been greatly exaggerated over here," said Doctor Anna Louise Strong, author and former editor of the English language "Moscow News."

She told a newspaper reporter that "sensationalism of the American press in handling Iranian and other issues, brought about censorship by the Soviet Government. Russia is only trying to secure her borders. Security of her oil regions in Iran depends on the attitude of that country and she is merely meddling on her own boundaries. It was the dominance of American-British interests in the country that prompted Russia to move in there."

She compared the Russian position in Eastern Europe with that of the United States in Latin America.—*Associated Press*.

## Doctor "Executed" 63 People

Paris, March 18.

Black-bearded Doctor Marcel Petiot, charged with murdering perhaps as many as 63 persons, goes on trial in a Paris Court to-day.

The 55-year-old, beetle-browed little physician is charged with having lured victims to his home, a large house behind a 20 foot wall, with promises of helping them escape from Nazi occupied France, in return for a fee.

A miscellany of human remains, including partially burned limbs and bodies contorted in a time pit, were found by the police who were summoned two years ago to his home—by neighbours who complained of thick, malodorous smoke, which was found to be coming from a white-hot furnace in which human remains were later discovered.

There were 39 valises with 97 petticoats, 57 pairs of socks, 97 shirts and other clothing found at another house.

### "Packaged Remains"

The State also charges Petiot with having dismembered the bodies of some victims and leaving their packaged remains in the Bois de Boulogne or dropping them into the Seine River.

A total of 27 victims were identified as being mostly Jews who, the State says, paid large sums of money because they thought they would be helped to escape from the Nazis.

Petiot admitted, in a pre-trial interrogation that he killed, or helped to kill, 63 persons, but, he maintained, the victims were collaborating with Germany and he headed the resistance band that caught and executed traitors.—*Associated Press*.

## STATEMENT ON ESPIONAGE

Ottawa, Mar. 18.

Mr. MacKenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, is expected to make a statement on the Canadian espionage investigations to-day.

A high Government official here stated that the Government is not considering the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Russia as a result of the spy disclosures and as far as he knew, the Government has not taken any action against such members of the Soviet diplomatic staff still in Canada, who were known to be connected with the spying.—*Reuter*.

## Demobbed Officers "Batmen" Now

London, March 18.

A demobilized Lieutenant-Colonel and a Lieutenant-Commander, decided that there was a living to be made out of "clean and polish" and set up business as "public batmen."

They are Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Williams of the Royal Marines, and his brother Lieutenant-Commander D. C. Williams, and they have set themselves up as Batmen-Limited to give the same kind of service they themselves received from batmen while in the forces.

"Our business began as a joke when we saw so many people with dirty shirts," Commander Williams said at his home at Crescent Road, Kingston Hill, London.

"Then we thought it must be a good idea, so with my wife as secretary we have started our little business. We are already battling for some 25 people at a block of Putney flats."

Colonel Williams said: "Soon we hope to branch out to bigger things than boots—to become the perfect batmen for all our 'gentlemen' and give them that 'officer's mess' look."

Demobbed batmen are helping them, he added.—*Reuter*.

## Strangest Wedding Of Occupation

Tokyo, March 18.

A quiet little Japanese girl in pig-tails and an unsmiling United States marine with a black kimono over his newly pressed uniform—this was the strangest wedding of the occupation, and probably the first between a Nipponese girl and an American Caucasian serviceman.

They met in a dance hall, said western style. The parents and a news dispatch from Saaseho, Japanese friends sort of ignored it—strange people, these Americans.—*Associated Press*.

It was a strictly family affair with her father performing the ritual. Maybe it is not legal according to the United States army or American courts' standard but right now at least they bride and groom.

It was just after that dance hall meeting that they decided to wed. The parents did not object. Maybe the fact that the marine could bring delicacies to the family and contribute much money had something to do with the decision. But Papa consented.

### Vows Sealed

The occupation army's legal department has ruled that a Japanese marriage will not hold up in an American court. It consisted merely of a ritual and change of the wife's name to that of her husband.

Before the war the American Consul could give legal certification, but such a document has not been approved since the surrender. But that did not stop the marriage, nor was there any shot-gun or a samurai sword for a persuader.

The bride and groom took healthy swigs from the ceremonial sake cups. That sealed their marriage vows.

The Marine kissed his wife.—*Reuter*.

## Goering Continues To Talk

Nuernberg, March 18.

Former Reichsmarshal Herman Goering, admitted the intention of himself and those associated with him "from the very beginning" to overthrow the German republic, established after the last war, when his cross-examination by the chief United States prosecutor, Judge Robert Jackson, began at the war crimes trial to-day.

Judge Jackson asked: "Upon coming to power, you immediately abolished the parliamentary government in Germany?" Goering replied: "It was longer necessary. I should like to stress that we were the strongest party in a parliamentary sense—but parliament was disposed of because other parties were dissolved."

The United States prosecutor addressed Goering as "the only man living who can fully say what was the true purpose of the Nazi Party and the inner working of its leadership."

Goering said: "The Nazis thought it necessary to suppress all opposition in any form which could disturb our constructive work." adding, "Of course, individual opposition was not tolerated."

Pressed by Justice Jackson to explain his support for the leadership principle, Goering quoted the late President Roosevelt as saying that most of the European countries had abandoned democracy not because they did not want it but because democracy had not produced men capable of giving work, bread and peace.

Goering added: "Democracy ruined Germany. Only stronger leadership could restore order."

"Asked whether the Nazi Party had a special organization to carry out shooting, such as that of Ernest Roehm and about 70 others in June, 1934, Goering replied: 'Just the same as other countries—secret service or whatever you call it. The Gestapo carried out orders for the protection of the state.'—*Reuter*.

## Communists Filtering Into Army

Honolulu, March 18.

Major-General Charles A. Willoughby, General MacArthur's intelligence officer, says that he is convinced the Communists are infiltrating into the key positions in the United States Army. He said this just before leaving last night for Japan.

"There is wholesale infiltration of Communists into key positions of the U.S. Army, especially on the Army newspapers," he said. Willoughby asserted in conversations with reporters that the "placement of certain persons" started in Washington and went all the way down. "How and where they are placed is probably a pre-arranged plan," he said.

He did not identify where such placements started in Washington or who was responsible for them. He made the assertion while discussing the removal of two men from his staff.

Willoughby also said that if the atomic bomb had not ended the war, American forces about now would be engaged in bloody attacks on Honshu and Tokyo. The general has been in Washington and is returning to Japan.—*Associated Press*.

## American Navy Cruise Cancelled

New York, Mar. 18.

Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of the "New York Times," stated to-day that he had learned that the plans for United States warships, including the aircraft carriers "Midway" and "Franklin Roosevelt," to cruise in western and eastern Mediterranean in the near future, had been cancelled, "at the instigation of the State Department."

Officials felt that the decision to cancel the cruise was a wise step, as it has been regarded as unnecessarily provocative.

Another columnist, Walter Lippman, said on March 9 that the proposed voyage of the battleship "Missouri" in the Mediterranean was designed to show that the United States as well as Britain and the Soviet Union, had interests there.—*Reuter*.

### THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Cloudy with a risk of thundershowers.  
Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—30 degrees at 8 p.m. Minimum—72 degrees at 8 a.m. Maximum humidity—98 per cent. Sunshine—5 hours.







# PERFIDIOUS ALBION AGAIN

## Mismanaging Elections In Greece

### Soviet Writer's New Charges

London, March 18. The Greek Parliamentary elections threaten to become a national tragedy for the people of that country, it was prophesied by the Soviet magazine "New Times" yesterday.

Moscow radio heard by the Associated Press here quoted the "New Times" commentator M.N. Azetnikov as charging that with only two weeks remaining to the elections the most elementary plebiscite provisions are totally absent.

He charged that British armed monarchist-fascist bands, taking advantage of the presence in Greece of British troops, have seized control of the state apparatus and instituted a regime of unbridled lawlessness and terror in that country.

### Plenty Of Food For Russians

Moscow, Mar. 18. Commercial food shops in the Soviet Union where food is sold by unregulated quantities are crowded with customers willing to pay high prices which still exist despite the recent heavy slashes in the cost of food.

There is an abundance of food in the shops where this price of the best white flour has been reduced by 63 per cent, and the price of meat from 10 to 15 per cent.

One equal abundance of goods can be found in the crowded department stores with customers willing to pay steep prices for unrationed clothing.

Foreigners who have been to the Soviet Union for a long time said there is no doubt that the food and consumer goods situation has been much improved since the war. They added that the situation is improving daily.

### Spain To Reply

Madrid, Mar. 18. The Spanish Foreign Office said yesterday that Spain's reply to the United States "White Book" accusing the Franco regime of having dealings with Hitler and Mussolini during the war is to be delivered this week.

The reply, which lodges a complaint about the manner in which the documents were published, has been approved by General Franco and his Ministers.

The Foreign Office asserted that the reply "is intended to make clear and certain the fact that Spain maintained its independence at all times during the civil war, as well as later in the European war in which it loyally fulfilled the duties of neutrality."

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN EIRE

Dublin, Mar. 17. Eire celebrated one of the gayest St. Patrick's Day in years today for the typically Irish reason that while public houses are usually closed on St. Patrick's Day, they were open today because the festival falls on a Sunday. Tomorrow is being observed in Eire as a public holiday.

Dublin was crowded today, many visitors pouring into the city for the great Gaelic games, hurling match and football match between team representing the country's four provinces.

### ARMY CENSORS AT WORK

Rome, Mar. 18. Major Hal Kestler, publications officer-in-charge of the Mediterranean issue of "Stars and Stripes," said yesterday that he has sent protests to President Truman, Secretary of War Robert Patterson and General Eisenhower against what he termed Army censorship of the paper's "mail call" column. He said that the paper would carry an announcement in one of its editions saying that the "mail call" column of soldiers' letters to the editor would be discontinued because of what he termed a censorship order by Lt. General John L. Deputy, Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater.

### Winston Not Retiring

New York, March 18. Mr. Winston Churchill said here today: "I have no intention whatsoever of ceasing to lead the Conservative Party until I am satisfied they can see their way clear ahead and make better arrangements, which I earnestly trust they may be able to do."

He added that any decision as to whether he will continue to lead the Party must await his return to London. He is expected to sail next week.

### Church Breaks With Rome

Moscow, Mar. 18. The United Church of Western Ukraine, in a message to Marshal Stalin, has declared its decision to break the 650-year old union with the Roman Catholic Church and return to the Russian Orthodox Church. It was announced here today.

The message was sent by the Council of the Church, which met in Lvov on March 8. It said that the Church had decided to abolish the union with the Roman Catholic Church established in 1596 and "return to the bosom of the Holy Russian Church."

The message added: "We are happy to ask you to receive our statement that nothing will divide our Ukrainian people."

The West Ukraine United Church was a section of the Orthodox Church which acknowledged the supremacy of the Pope in 1596, but retained most of its old rites and liturgy. Most of the Ukrainians of the United Church live in a territory which was part of Poland between the world wars. There are other sections of the United Church in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, some of which are still allied to the Roman Catholic Church.

### Jap War Criminals Spend Time Writing

Tokyo, March 18. As the gallows trap echoes in Manila and their own trials grow nearer, the imprisoned Japanese who dragged the world into the Pacific war are pouring their secret thoughts into thousands of pages of writing.

A correspondent walked down the long, silent cell blocks of Sugamo Prison and saw these men of conquest—Pearl Harbor Premier Hideki Tojo, former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal Marquis Koki Kido, and the rest—preparing their defense for the approaching day when they will go before the international war-crimes tribunal.

### Pro-Tito Demonstration Greets Commission

Pazin, March 18. The Boundary Commission today took up its headquarters at this small town in the centre of the Istrian Peninsula for the second phase of its study of the problem of Venezia-Giulia, which will be to investigate the zone of the Yugoslav Military Government.

Slipping quietly away from want Yugoslavia and after the representatives of the world press gathered at Trieste, the Commission crossed the Morgan line into Zone-B at midday on Friday. The population shouted an enthusiastic welcome.

The Commission was met at the Morgan line by representatives of the military and civil authorities headed by Colonel V. Holjevac, of the Military command of the Yugoslav army for Istria and Rijeka. Its automobiles drove through lines of waving and cheering people. When the Commission arrived at Pazin flag-bearing crowds jammed the streets yelling "We

### U.S. DESTINY LIES IN PACIFIC

Honolulu, Mar. 17. Lieut. General Robert C. Richardson, Jr. today advocated a string of Pacific bases stretching from the Aleutian Islands through the Ryukyus to the Philippines and a larger peacetime army to man the bases. He said "the future is difficult to prognosticate, but we know that our destiny lies in the Pacific."

Richardson, who is retiring as mid-Pacific commanding general, said "it is ridiculous" to assert that generals and admirals are trying to protect their "play" when they advocate a strong peacetime force.

"The army and navy are great national institutions designed for the security of the United States and should be regarded as such."

Richardson will be succeeded by Major-General George F. Moore who was captured by the Japanese at Corregidor and held prisoner by them for three years.

### NO COMMENT

Chungking, Mar. 18. Communist quarters here have no specific comment to make on General Marshall's statement in Washington about the situation in Manchuria being critical, except to say that the commanders of 300,000 troops under Communist control there have been notified of both the truce and the army reorganization agreements. These quarters added that perhaps notification has not reached the various scattered units that may be engaged in the reported conflicts.

### Marines May Leave North China

Peiping, Mar. 18. Lieut. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commander-in-Chief of American forces in the China theatre, and 19 American staff officers are scheduled to arrive here today for conferences amid reports that United States Marines will withdraw from Peiping within two weeks.

Wedemeyer will confer with Major-General Keller Rockey, commander of the Third Marine Amphibious Corps. The nature of the conference has not been announced. There has been no confirmation of the marine withdrawal reports.

After the meeting Wedemeyer and Rockey will fly to Tientsin where Rockey is receiving the Distinguished Service Medal. Wedemeyer is due to leave on March 20 for Seoul, Korea, on a brief visit, returning via Tsingtao where he will confer with Major-General Archie Howard, Commander of the 6th Marine Division.

### 52 Unable To Decide

Washington, Mar. 18. An Associated Press poll yesterday showed that out of 41 senators willing to express their views publicly, 21 said that they were at present inclined to support the United States loan to Britain and 20 said that as conditions stand they were against it.

It was also stated that the final decision will depend on how 52 senators who said they were now undecided will make up their minds.

Voicing public support were 15 Democrats and five Republicans; those unfavourably inclined included ten Republicans, nine Democrats and one Progressive, while in the undecided group were 30 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

### OLD SCHOOL TIE A GOOD THING

Harrow, March 18. Field Marshal Lord Alexander, Canada's Governor-General-designate, attending Founder's Day celebrations at Harrow School in the capacity of an "Old Boy," told the assembled scholars that he doubted whether Hitler or Mussolini ever had an "old school tie."

"Not so long ago it was considered smart and amusing to laugh at the old school tie," he declared. "Personally I feel much more inclined to laugh at those who deride it."

He declared that the old school tie was a symbol "of these great institutions which at least aim at and, indeed, succeed in turning out leaders."

"It is hardly necessary for me to give you examples when we remember that Winston is an Old Harrovian."

Harrow scholars in a debate later had as the motion: "That this house has no faith in the present government." The motion was lost by 47 votes to 200.

### JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

Washington, Mar. 17. Members of the Far Eastern Commission have been given mimeographed copies of the projected new Japanese constitution, but opinions on the document remain a secret.

The only thing any Commission official would say was that yesterday said that many of the copies have been built in Soviet Azerbaijan which borders on Iranian Azerbaijan.

The output of oil in the Republic this month has been increased by 210 tons daily, the announcement added.

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## Far East Relief Fund's Report

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required £357 to cover all administrative costs, including stationery, postage, cables and books. More than 90 per cent. of the Fund's beneficiaries are women. We desire to repeat the tribute that we have previously paid to their courage and resource.

With their husbands and sons prisoners in Japanese hands, with their source of income cut off, with all their possessions left behind, they have had to recreate the lives of themselves and their children with all the difficulties of war-time conditions.

### Continuing Need

They have had little and belated news and no certainty as to the fate of those they love, but their courage has not faltered nor their resolution failed. It has been a privilege to help them and to wish them joy of the reunion which peace has brought, and success in the rebuilding of their fortunes.

To the many to whom Victory has brought not the fulfilment of hope but the realisation of long fear we offer our deepest sympathy.

The end of hostilities has not brought a cessation of the Fund's work. Help will continue to be required for some time by many of those whom we have assisted in the past, for it will be months before firms and individuals can resume their normal activities, and in any case those who have been prisoners or interned are in need of a period of recuperation. In addition, we have been asked by His Majesty's Government to administer the public funds which have been made available for the relief of distress among returned civilian internees and members of the Volunteer Forces.

### New Task

The Lord Mayor's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund has again promised to supplement the funds at our disposal for this purpose, and with its aid we are proud to undertake this new task, and it will be our aim to discharge our obligations faithfully and generously.

Referring specifically to the year under review, the report says:

The number of cases increased from 782 to 937, but some of these represent merely a transfer from one branch of the Fund to another and not an increase of commitments. On the advice of the Colonial Office a large number of families who had been residing in Australia and South Africa returned to this country.

Expenditure decreased by £10,133 2s. 5d. but over £8,000 of this represents a reduction of Overseas commitments. Grants for Maintenance increased by £5,334, but as might be expected grants for immediate relief showed a decrease. Insurance grants were less by £714, for, though more applications were approved, there were fewer cases in which there were heavy arrears for settlement.

The Overseas Branches of the organisation continued on the same lines as in 1944, but it is difficult to incorporate their accounts in the Report, as their financial years begin on different dates. During the closing months of the year the commitments of the Australian Committee were increased by the arrival of British subjects released from internment by the reconquest of the Philippines. In India the bulk of the payments are made to Asiatic British subjects.

The Committee met five times during the year and the Subcommittee twenty-five times.

### London Hotel

Mr. S. B. Palmer, C.B.E., on his return from South Africa, accepted an invitation to join the Committee, and Mr. G. E. Mitchell replaced Mr. C. B. Joly on succeeding the latter as Secretary of the China Association.

Towards the close of the year the Committee was in consultation with the Secretary of State for the Colonies' Office regarding assistance to returned civilian internees and members of the Volunteer Forces. As has been previously recorded, the upshot of these negotiations, which were concluded after the end of the current year, was that the Committee accepted the Secretary of State's invitation.

The Committee offered to contribute Pound for Pound in the establishment of a hotel in London for returned internees visiting London on business. Though the conclusion of the necessary arrangements was not completed within the financial year, it is interesting to record that the hotel has been established and is serving a most useful purpose.

## Chiang Pays Tribute To Gen. Marshall

CHUNGKING, MAR. 18.

**GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, FIRMLY RETAINING HIS LEADERSHIP OVER THE KUOMINTANG, DEVOTED MOST OF HIS SPEECH AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE PARTY CONGRESS TO A TRIBUTE TO GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, THE SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY.**

**HE PRAISED MARSHALL AS A MEDIATOR WHO HELPED BEGIN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION "SO CHINA MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN THE PACIFIC AND IN THE WORLD."**

"Ever since his arrival in Soviet treaty of friendship and alliance by both parties is the first and foremost pre-requisite for enhancement of mutual trust and friendship."

The manifesto called for an immediate halt to the ceaseless military attacks and acts impeding national unity and said the foremost task now is to alleviate sufferings of hungry Chinese. It also approved the decisions of the recent Political Consultative Conference when decisions were reached to unify China and set up a more democratic government under a constitution.—Associated Press.

We should realize that General Marshall's success is the success of President Truman's policy and the success of our Government policy of peaceful unification.

"The fair and practical views General Marshall advanced have mastered many problems. Our gratitude and admiration for his sincerity and pains are great and our confidence in him is unbounded."

### Chiang's Appeal

Chiang urged the Kuomintang "to abandon pre-conceived notions" and take a lead in national reconstruction, a possible reference to the demands who assailed the concessions made to the Chinese Communists.

The Generalissimo asserted that Government measures for the past six months have been based on a policy of mutual tolerance and concession and "we are prepared to make any sacrifice or concessions so that the country may be peacefully united."

The Congress was in session for 17 days during which it approved drastic economic measures outlined by Premier T. V. Soong to curb inflation, increase revenue, settle labour disputes and increase the pay of the army and civil servants. Among the measures were the new land taxes designed to restrict large holdings, excess profits' taxes and taxes on stock exchange transactions.

### Manifesto Issued

With the Kuomintang Congress adjourning, the People's Political Council, whose powers are only advisory, will begin its conference on Wednesday with the Manchuria situation high on the agenda. Most of the delegates are Kuomintang members, although other parties are also represented.

The Kuomintang also issued a long manifesto which urged "complete understanding and closest co-operation between our country and the Allies, particularly the Soviet Union" and to "eliminate all chance of Japanese imperialism being revived."

The manifesto said: "It is our most sincere desire to further mutual confidence and friendship with the Soviet Union. We firmly believe the strict observance of the Sino-

## CHIANG TO VISIT U.S.?

Nanking, Mar. 18.

Two newspapers yesterday reported that President Chiang Kai-shek might visit the United States possibly before the Government moves here from Chungking next May.

The correspondent of the "Hsin Min Pao" quoted a "reliable source" as saying that Chiang might visit the United States while the Government transfer is in progress.

A Chungking dispatch to the "Ta Kung Pao" said Chiang expressed the hope that Government could arrange for its re-organization in three or four days after which he might leave for the United States.—Associated Press.

## CHURCHILL A "FASCIST"

Chungking, March 18.

The Communist newspaper, "New China Daily News," in an editorial entitled "Whither Churchill?" described Britain's war Premier's latest speeches as "Fascist and reactionary. They are material for a diplomatic atom bomb, which if dropped would surely send the world wobbling back to the dark days of the Stone Age."

The same editorial said that Marshal Stalin's speech was a "sledge-hammer blow to the Churchill conspiracy."—Reuter.

## Ordered To Kill P.O.W.

Yokohama, Mar. 18.

A former Japanese medical private testified to-day before the 8th Army Commission that his superior officer had orders by prisoner-of-war camp headquarters to kill Pte. Everett L. Tyler, of Glenaston, West Virginia. Pte. Masachi Toyama, a witness, gave testimony on cross-examination by defense and said the order was received by Dr. Sochichi Nosu, also a witness in the trial of five defendants charged with Tyler's death.—Associated Press.

Chungking, March 18.

Mr. Hsueh Ying-chow, Administrative Vice-Minister of Justice, said to-day that public trial of "capital traitors"—Chen Kung-po, acting puppet Foreign Minister, and Chen Pi-chun, wife of Wang Ching-wei—will take place in Soochow within a month.—Reuter.

## Sino-French Friction

Canton, March 18.

**A new point of friction between Chinese authorities and the French consulate has been disclosed in Canton, where wartime Consul Paul Simon was reported to be virtually a prisoner in the French consulate on Shamoon island.**

The Chinese military was reported reliably to desire custody of Simon because of his wartime activities and the consulate is being kept under Chinese military surveillance.

The new French consul, Paul Viaud, told an Associated Press representative that he is acting on instructions to keep Simon in the consulate while the matter is settled by the Chinese and French Governments. He said Simon still retains consular rank.

The activities which aroused Chinese resentment against the erstwhile consul were not specified.

French-Chinese friction previously flared in Shanghai a few months ago when an alleged French collaborator was whisked away on a French warship, and in Indo-China, where Chinese shore guns and French fleet units exchanged fire in an apparent misunderstanding about French troop landings.—Associated Press.

## White Blossom Ill Omen In Canton

Canton, March 18.

**White blossoms have sprouted on the bamboo trees on Canton's outskirts and some Chinese view their unusual appearance as an ill-omen for the rice crop. Old residents interpret this as a sign of coming drought which happened once 40 years ago. The white bamboo flowers blossom because of the unusually warm weather and lack of rainfall.**

Similar bamboo blossoms made their appearance in Shaohing, leading town on the West River, 65 miles from Canton, and farmers there also feared a drought. Similar blossoms made their appearance in some parts of North Kwangtung.

Rain fell in small quantity during the past several days although mid-March should be a rainy season. As a result, prices rose to CN\$34,000 a picul for the best quality rice.

Rice shortage is an incentive to opportunists to speculate in this staple food, making its prices higher. Lt. General Wan Jo-chou, a member of the People's Political Council, charged that many unauthorized persons in the name of a rice price stabilization committee borrowed money from the trust department of a bank to speculate in rice.

There is reported to be much manipulation in rice prices by these profiteers. Some U.N.R.R.A. rice has arrived, but since no one knows how it is to be distributed, the Canton public is not benefited by these shipments. Some Wuhu rice also came in without pushing prices down.

Rice prices are high practically all over Kwangtung. In the north, people who depended on rice from Hunan are hard hit, as the Hunan provincial authorities have banned the transportation of any such cereal outside the province owing to a poor harvest. Merchants are asked to buy rice from Fukien and are promising banking and transportation facilities, but there is little response on account of too small a margin of profit.—Associated Press.

## Obituary

Mabel Boardman

Washington, March 18.

Miss Mabel Boardman, 86, national secretary of the American Red Cross, died to-day of coronary thrombosis. She had been secretary since 1900 and helped to mould the strong organization. Being wealthy, she served the organization without salary. Miss Boardman was the original of the Red Cross uniform and also the initiator of Christmas yet by these shipments. Some Wuhu rice also came in without pushing prices down.

## Austrian To Be Deported

**Harald Steinlechner, 41, Austrian subject, was found guilty by Mr. W.H. Latimer yesterday of illegal entry into the Colony. He was ordered to be deported on March 20 and fined \$100.**

Asked why he slipped into the Colony by junk from Foochow, Steinlechner said that he did not want to say anything in an open court.

He was arrested on March 9 after a stay of two days at the Stag Hotel, No. 148, Queen's Road Central.

The prosecuting officer, Inspector Kriloff, told the Court that defendant was talking to a British officer at the Peninsula Hotel on March 9, when he was referred to a police officer who asked him for his passport. Accused produced an Austrian passport.

As he also had a German passport, an application to the British authorities for a visa would have been refused.

The Police asked for a serious view to be taken and suggested deportation instead of a prison sentence. A passage to Shanghai on March 20 was booked for Steinlechner by the police.

## Orders For Eviction

Mrs. Pak Sui-ching, owner of the ground floor at No. 52, Russell Street, was granted an order for eviction against the occupant, Mrs. Hon Sui-wan, by the Tenancy Tribunal comprising Messrs. George She (chairman), E. Hospes and J. C. Taylor yesterday.

Mrs. Pak said that when she left for Macao during the occupation she let the premises to her younger sister, Mrs. M. B. Hamid. She did not know opponent and she had not given her sister power to let the premises.

Mrs. Hamid testified that on her departure from the Colony for Macao she asked a Mrs. Ng to look after the house on the condition that she would resume possession on her return. The opponent claimed to have obtained her tenancy from Mrs. Ng in July, 1944, and she was told that she had no need to pay rent.

Granting the order for eviction the Chairman told applicant that the opponent had been very honest in looking after the furniture and the premises. In view of this good service applicant should treat opponent fairly.

The order is to be effective from March 31.

In the absence of opponent who failed to answer this application, an order for eviction was granted to Tsung Ying-kuen against Koo Yau-loi, tenant of No. 106, Main Street, ground floor, by the same Tribunal.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the applicant.

## OBSCENE ARTICLES IN LOCAL PRESS

**Publishers and editors of seven Chinese newspapers were summoned before Mr. C.Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for publishing articles of an obscene and indecent nature on dates in January this year.**

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida appeared for the Crown, while Mr. H. L. Kwan appeared for all the newspapers.

The newspapers were the Sun Sang Evening Post, Sao Tong Po, Kung Po, Kwo Yin Daily News, Ching Po, Chung Wah Shoung Po, and Man Sing Po.

According to the prosecution, the newspapers concerned published articles of an obscene and revolting nature, and asked

that these publications cease as the newspapers were in daily circulation, and young people as well as adults would be affected. Mr. H. L. Kwan pleaded guilty on behalf of all the newspapers concerned. He said it was their first offence and assured that it would not happen again.

Mr. Kwan bound the defendants over in a sum of \$1,000 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

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Forms of Tender and permission to view the material can be obtained from S.N.S.O., H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong.

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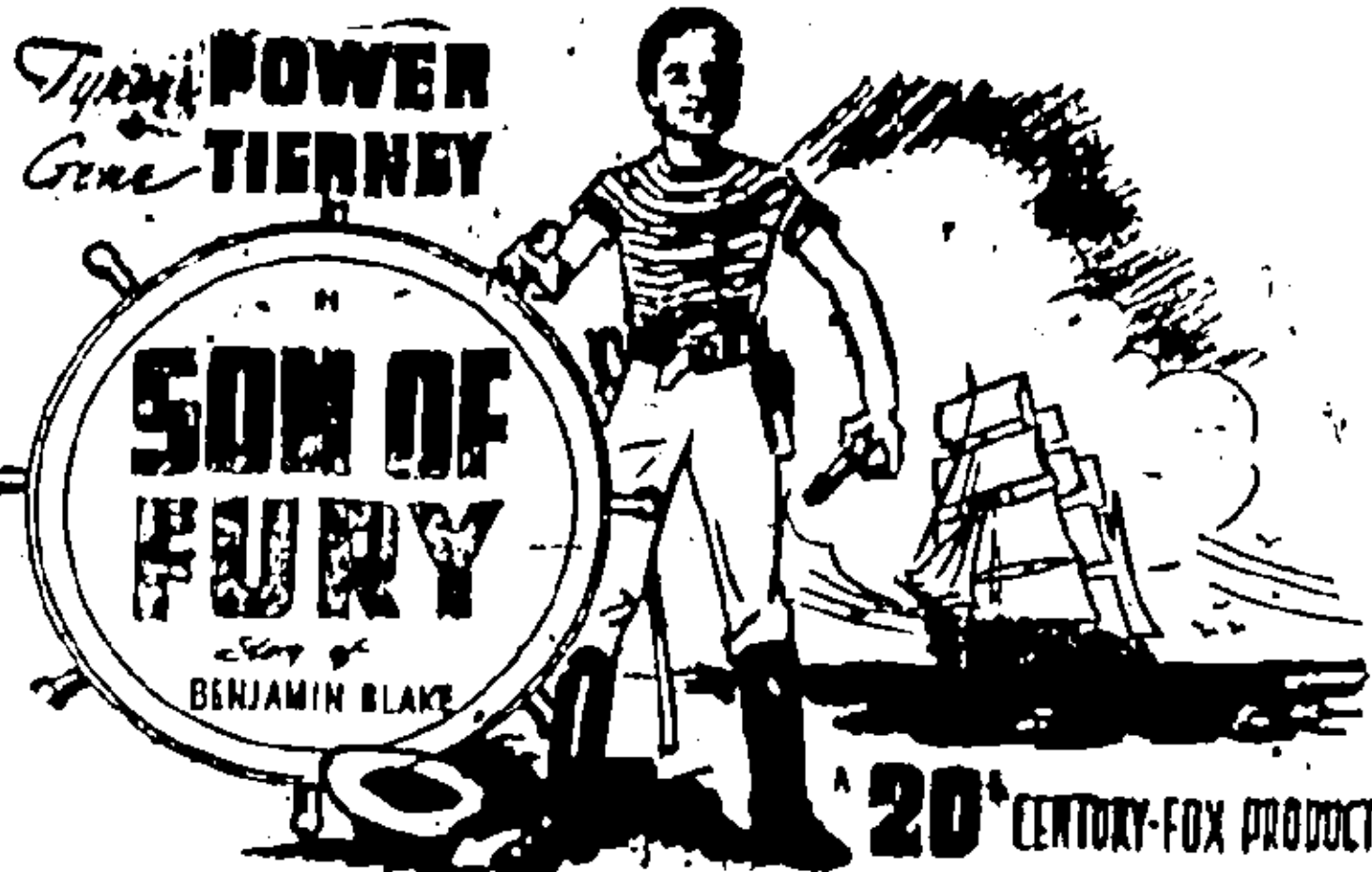
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## Appeals For Help But - - Simply Not Enough Food To Go Round

### NEW BRITISH ATTITUDE

New York, Mar. 18.  
The author Louis Fischer, in a letter printed by the "New York Times" to-day asserts: "Mr. Attlee's declarations offering India her freedom may indicate that Britain is aware of its new position in the world and of the new mood in India."

"If the Attlee Government goes beyond the Churchill Government and the Cripps Offer of 1942, it may find India responsive, especially in view of imminent famine."

Contrasting Pandit Nehru's article in the "New York Times" magazine of March 3, with the speech of Mr. Churchill at Fulton, the writer says: "Nehru placed India in a new framework of post-war international politics. He showed his awareness of many new factors in world affairs which alter old problems of Indian independence. The fact that Mr. Attlee offers to free India in the spirit of Nehru, while Mr. Churchill urges an Anglo-American alliance, which would by implication hold India in the Empire demonstrates the superiority of Mr. Attlee and Pandit Nehru over Mr. Churchill."—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, MAR. 18.  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMBINED FOOD BOARD IS DE-LIBERATING APPEALS FROM HUNGRY NATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DECISIONS ON ALLOCA-TIONS EXPECTABLE EARLY THIS WEEK.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TO-DAY THAT "THE BOARD IS FACED WITH A SITUATION IN WHICH THERE IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH FOOD, ESPECIALLY CEREALS, TO MEET DEMANDS"

It was understood that cereal supplies totalled about 24 per cent of existing requests. It was indicated authorita-tively that although sympathetic consideration is being given by the Board to all cereal requests, those from China, India and Ceylon are especially high on the list.

Standard of feeding for former enemy countries, as set by Allied military authorities, is a fundamental problem before the Board, it was learned. Until it is determined, for some time to come it will make more difficult the Board's decision on other claimants.

**Military Decision**  
The spokesman said: "The military must decide how much food they wish to make avail-able to Germans and Japanese before the Board can know what it can do for the others."

He indicated that General MacArthur at present is at-tempting to obtain a daily diet of 1,500 calories for the Japa-nese, thereby explaining the American general's request to

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the Food Board for over 600,000 tons of rice on behalf of Japan. It was said that if the diet for Japan and Germany was re-duced to 1,000 calories daily greater amounts would be avail-able for others. — Associated Press.

**Hoover Mission**  
Washington, Mar. 18.  
Amid reports that Russia has been removed from the list of countries which former Pre-sident Herbert Hoover will visit on his famine inspection tour, Secretary of Agriculture Ander-son said that Hoover will decide his own itinerary and "we don't know which countries Mr. Ho-ver will visit."

Hoover's office said that the itinerary will be decided after he reaches Paris. He is to leave New York by plane to-day to begin his check on what President Truman has called "the worst food crisis in modern times."

One official who would not be quoted by name, said when it became known here this week that Russia offered to supply France with 500,000 tons of wheat, the government scratch-ed Russia from Hoover's visit-ing list because Russia was pre-sumably no longer in need of grain from this country.

**Too Late**  
In New York, Hoover broad-cast that he feared it was too late to save all the persons threatened with starvation throughout the world. "Our purpose is to save every last one possible. The number of lives we can save depends upon what extent the American people will comply with the emergency com-mittee's appeal."

Meanwhile the India famine emergency committee asked President Truman to send Ho-ver to India to investigate con-conditions there. The committee said "his visit would bring con-fidence to the people of Asia and that food distribution will be justly administered and would increase good-will toward the United States at this time." —Associated Press.

### TURCO-IRAQ TREATY

Istanbul, Mar. 18.  
Turkey and Iraq will sign an agreement next week at Ankara, Turkish capital, further strength-ening the ties between the two countries.

Contents of the agreement will be communicated to the Arab League after its signature.

The idea of a new agreement between Turkey and Iraq, who are already bound by the 1937 treaty of non-aggression and friendship, to which Iran and Afghanistan are also parties, was first mooted when the Regent of Iraq saw the Turkish President during his visit to Turkey last September.—Reuter.

## American Finance Clears The Decks

New York, March 18.  
Finance cleared the decks for speedy resumption of nor-mal operations this week after the settlement of the major strikes which caused serious dislocation these last few months. With the threat of a paralysing coal stoppage hovering in the background, the steel mills stepped up operations to 83.6 per cent. capacity as against 76.7 a week earlier.

A year ago, steel productions were 94.5 per cent of normal. Railroads strained under the burden of hauling 786,202 freight cars, the largest since early December.

The previous weeks loadings were 782,397, and a year ago, 767,955. Crude oil production dipped to the daily average of 4,403,360 barrels from 4,726,250 for the previous week and 4,768,015 a year ago. Consumer's spending remained at a high level exceeding the previous

weeks large volume, averaging 11 to 15 per cent above that of a year ago.

Business failures increased to 22 from 15 a week earlier. Spurred on by a possibility of a walkout on April 1, soft coal operators increased production sharply. For the week ending March 9, the available output was estimated to have been 13,000,000 tons, the largest since the week of December 11, 1945, as compared to 12,450,000 tons for the week of March 2, the national coal association re-ported.

Automobile production is es-timated at 35,026 cars and trucks as compared to 23,050 for the previous week. This is the highest total since Novem-ber 10. The truck market sulled in lower territory as fast breaking international political developments created caution and numerous dividend com-missions gave a hint what the increased labour costs are doing to the balance sheets.

Bonds had better balance but restraint was the watchword.—Associated Press.

## Radar To Be Pitted Against V-2 Weapons

Washington, March 18.  
The U.S. Army announced to-day that it is making prepara-tions to pit the radar against the captured Nazi V-2 weapons in a spectacular search for the defense against rocket and atom bomb attacks.

The tests are planned for this summer or earlier in the New Mexico desert, the scene of the first atomic bomb test.

Brig.-Gen. William Richard-son said that the aim is to de-velop a system for tracking the 3,000-mile an hour missiles by radar and other means and de-termining their arc of flight in advance. "Once we accomplish this it will be possible to de-sign a counter-attack rocket which will be controlled by radar and will be capable of in-tercepting the enemy rocket at a predetermined point in its course," the general said.

"A means must be found as quickly as possible to defend our country against a sudden enemy rocket attack," Richardson said.

### Budget System For China

Washington, Mar. 18.  
John B. Blandford, Jr., former administrator of the national housing agency, said he hopes to take up his work in China soon preparing a budget system for the Chinese Government.

President Truman appointed Blandford upon the request of Chinese Premier T. V. Soong.

Blandford, a former assistant-director of the Budget, has been in the public administration ser-vice of the United States during the past 25 years, including the general-managership of the Ten-nesssee Valley Authority, a Fe-deral power project. He said he plans to establish residence in Shanghai and will be accom-panied there by his wife.—As-sociated Press.

## SOVIET PULLS OUT OF BORNHOLM

Rosene, Bornholm, March 18.  
Truck convoys and railways trains loaded with Soviet troops and equipment rolled into this port city yesterday as the Russians began evacuating the strategic little Dan-ish island of Bornholm, at the entrance to the Baltic Sea.

The first official transfer of Bornholm, said that Danish Russian occupied buildings to General staff officers would ar-rive to-day to arrange for offi-cial relief of the Russian for-ces.

The methodical evacuation of the little island off Sweden's southern tip began a little more than ten months after Russian forces liberated Bornholm from the Nazis.

Foreign Minister Gustav Ras-mussen said that on Saturday the Russians had agreed to eva-cuate the island after insur-

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## British Bag Belsen Nazi

London, Mar. 18.  
The American News Service in Germany reported to-day that Rudolf Hoess, former command-ant of the Auschwitz concentration camp, has been arrested by Bri-tish intelligence officers on a farm near Flensburg on the German-Danish frontier after a search lasting many months.

Hoess was mentioned many times at the Belsen trial when Josef Kramer, Commandant at Belsen, accused him of responsi-bility, under Himmler's orders, for the death of many people in gas chambers.

Hoess went to Flensburg in April last year and disappeared after meeting leading SS officers with Himmler. The clue leading to his discovery was provided by the recent arrest of his wife in the neighbourhood of Flensburg.—Reuter.

### REPORT ON UNRRA

Atlantic City, Mar. 18.  
The full council of the U.N.R.-R.A. will hear a report to-morrow by Director-General Herbert Lehman, wherein Leh-man is expected to offer recom-mendations for the termination of U.N.R.R.A. work which is now set for Dec. 31, 1946. In Europe and next March in the Far East. There is wide con-cern that the dates may now be too early because of famine conditions which have not only slowed reconstruction but re-duced acreage planted in Europe this Spring. There are sugges-tions that the U.N.R.R.A. might be permitted to die on the dates set but that the United Nations would carry on a limited pro-gramme for the most depressed areas such as Greece, Yugo-slavia and China. — Associated Press.

ances from Denmark that it would control the island with-out the help of foreign powers.—Associated Press.

## Sterling Controls

Savannah, Mar. 17.  
Britain is unable to give the International Monetary Confer-ence a specific time-table for relaxing Sterling controls after the United States ratifies the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain and after the Bretton Woods Bank and Fund begin to operate.

Authoritative British sour-ces, however, state that within one week after Britain receives the loan the controls on current transactions with the United States will be lifted so that United States exporters to any customers in the Sterling area will be able to receive pay-ment in dollars without wait-ing for London to approve the transaction.

As was indicated in the Anglo-American Loan Agree-ment, Britain intends to find the Sterling balances by negotiat-ing agreements with countries which hold them. It is hoped these balances can be funded gradually over 50 years. These negotiations will be individually, with each holding countries and not by a general conference.—Reuter.

### Harmful Speeches

Chicago, Mar. 17.  
James Roosevelt, son of the late President, said yesterday that the "kind of speeches" Mr. Churchill has been making in this country are harmful to world peace.

"We in the United States must maintain the same position that we held in the war," he said in a press conference. "on indicating to all people that we have formed no pact or division against any other group."







## "Can't Sit Around A Radiator"

London, March 18.

Most British householders prefer the open coal fire in spite of all arguments that other methods of heating are more efficient, according to the report of a committee which investigated the heating and ventilation of working-class dwellings.

Central heating is disliked by many on the grounds that it is "cheerless" and "would deprive them of an essential focal point of family activity," said the report. This distaste was expressed to interrogators in remarks such as: "You can't very well sit around a radiator after tea," or "the room would be cheerless without a nice bright fire."

"The gas fire would, perhaps, fill this aged," the report said, "but an electric fire was often thought to be less satisfactory, unless, as was mentioned in one

case, it was an electric fire designed to look like a coal fire with the flickering shadow and flame." Of 5,187 representative householders questioned only 36 per cent. favoured central heating, 44 per cent. were neutral and 21 per cent. were definitely against.

The report makes a detailed study of all phases of heating and cooking as matters of "the greatest importance to national fuel policy." In view of the need for careful use of coal resources, the average consumption of coal in Britain in 1938 was one and a half tons per head and the fact that "a relatively poor standard of warmth was obtained means that the average efficiency of domestic heating in this country is low."

### Background Heating

Its recommendation is that the whole house be maintained at a basic temperature of at least 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, with living-room heat during occupation increased to up to 65 degrees.

To obtain this "background heating" the committee recommends only one solid-fuel appliance—a small hot-water boiler which would serve hot water radiators throughout the house. Rooms would be "topped up" to the desired heat by individual gas or electric fires.

Great emphasis is placed on the need of insulation to keep heat in a house once it is produced. "With better methods of insulation it should be possible to get higher standards of heating without increasing per capita consumption," the report declares.

"Another important possibility is 'district heating,'" the report says, but this "has to be carefully examined and will be the subject of a separate report."

### Bathing Habits

Considerable study was devoted to the question of hot water heating, with the conclusion that a family of four should have a supply of 250 gallons of water at 140 degrees every week. This would permit seven hot baths a week, 10 washes at a washbasin every day, normal washing-up requirements, 10 gallons a week for house cleaning and 50 gallons a week for laundry.

That these supplies often are unavailable was proved by the fact that the committee found that 30 per cent. of all household heated water for baths in pans and kettles on the fire, while 10 per cent. used the same method for washing clothes.

The committee tried to determine the bathing habits of families investigated, and although difficult "in asking what they considered to be a personal question" established that out of 4,612 families, 28 per cent. heated water for bathing only once a week.—Reuter.

## Record

Buenos Aires, Mar. 18.

The veteran long distance swimmer, Pedro Ondumutti, who has just failed in his attempt to swim 205 miles down the River Plate from Rosario to Buenos Aires, is officially stated to have covered 302 kilometres (about 188 miles).

It is believed to be a world's record. He was in the water for three days, three hours and fifteen minutes.—Reuter.

## CRICKET "DOWN UNDER"

Dunedin, March 18.

Led by their test captain, W.A. Hoad, who made 169 not out, the Otago Eleven made a spirited reply to the Australian touring team, scoring 306 for eight wickets here to-day.

In their first innings the Otago team scored 168 to which the Australians replied with 420. Hoad, giving a sound attractive all-round display, hit 15 fours and 1 six and was at the wicket for just under five and a half hours.

His score is the highest yet made by an Australian or New Zealander during the tour. The touring team's fielding was slack. The game ends to-morrow with the New Zealanders only 54 ahead and with two wickets in hand.—Reuter.

## TWO TALL TEAMS' TUSSLE

Kansas City, Mar. 18.

The New Mexico School of Mines romped to an 84 to 61 victory over the Drury College in an experimental basketball game played as part of the national association of inter-collegian basketball research programme.

The game pitted tall New Mexicans against another tall team. The baskets were raised two feet above the normal 10 feet height.

Proposals of higher goals argue that they tend to equalise the advantage tall players have. Lending advocate of higher goals baskets, Coach Allen of Kansas University declared that the result of the game was pleasing. Both teams had some difficulty in hitting their shots while push up shots were scarce.—Associated Press.

## CLEVER NEW WELTERWEIGHT

New York, March 17.

Danny Kaplow, clever Brooklyn welterweight who was able to follow up a "break," is a new enrollee on boxing's big time list to-day.

With only three days' notice to fill in an emergency, the willing, battler gave Willie Joyce a terrific struggle in a 10-round main event in Madison Square Garden last night to earn a draw with the highly rated Gary, Ind., lightweight. It was Kaplow's first appearance in the Garden and on his performance against Joyce he probably will see plenty of action there as a future headliner.

Two other fighters had been scheduled for the main event but one suffered an injury. Kaplow agreed to fight Joyce as a substitute match. They punched at a furious pace most of the fight. Kaplow weighed 141, Joyce 139.—Associated Press.

# PEACE PROBLEMS Pawns In Europe And Asia

## Austria At The Cross Roads

(By DeWitt Mackenzie)

VIENNA, MARCH 18.

AUSTRIA, A LITTLE NATION AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE WHICH WAS PROMISED FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENCE, IS APPROACHING ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION FROM NAZIDOM WITH THE REALIZATION THAT HER GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION MAKES HER A PAWN IN THE DANGEROUS READJUSTMENT OF EUROPEAN BALANCE OF POWER.

IT IS A PERSONAL TRAGEDY FOR AUSTRIA. FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD IT SHOULD BE A SHARP REMINDER THAT THE REMODELING OF EUROPE AND ASIA CONSTITUTES A PERIL TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

Austria lies just within a strategic zone generally recognised as Russia's minimum objective in the Soviet westward sweep across Europe. Muscovites have consolidated all of the minimum objective area except Austria. Austria is still occupied by four Allied powers.

The nation is trying to struggle up from the Abyss in which Hitler left it through a maze of post-war complications. Austria has established its first freely elected representative Government in eight years. But the highest governing body is the Allied Council, and the Allied powers are split on a number of vital issues whose solution is necessary for recovery. The split is frequently between Russia against the United States, Britain and France.

For example the three western powers have reduced the strength of their occupying troops substantially. But the Russians refused to negotiate the reduction in the council saying that such agreement could not be contracted.

### Economic Disaster

The Soviets have an estimated force of over 120,000 troops in their zone. The Americans have one division and a number of miscellaneous units. The British have a slightly larger and the French a smaller one than the Americans.

In the viewpoint of many economic experts, the continued military occupation of Austria will mean economic disaster. Austrians complain that the Red Army requisitions a large proportion of the food supplies for its troops.

The Russian-occupied provinces in eastern Austria are the most seriously undernourished in this hungry country. The basic ration for the country is 1,200 calories daily. In some sections the ration has fallen to 700 calories.

The U.S.S.R. wants approximately 60,000 acres of rich farmland for exclusive use of her troops. Other powers say no.

The Russians wanted the largest concern on the Danube River as reparations. The other powers said no. The Russians now operate it and the Communists say it must be nationalised.

### Food Bottleneck

The Soviets also apparently seek the nationalisation of the Credit Anstalt Bank Verein, the largest banking concern in south-eastern Europe.

Austrians are bewildered and exasperated by restrictions resulting from dividing the country into four occupation zones. As a consequence food surpluses often pile up in some section and cannot be moved to another Allied zone where they are desperately needed.

The Russian zone completely surrounds Vienna. The Russians permit six trains daily to move to Vienna from Linz where supplies sometimes pile up for days awaiting transport.—Associated Press.

## HOOT EVERS INJURED

Lakeland, Florida, Mar. 18.

Hoot Evers, rookie centre-fielder of the Detroit Tigers, broke his left ankle and fractured his right thumb in an exhibition game here to-day, when he tried to beat a force play at second base.

His spikes caught as he started to slide. The shortstop's throw struck his thumb, when Evers tried to protect his face. He will be unable to play for at least 12 weeks.

His batting average for eight games is .406 and he scored a hit in every game he has played to date.—Associated Press.

### FIGHTING IN JEHO

Chungking, March 18.

The Chinese Communist Party to-day charged that Kuomintang troops in Eastern Jehol were keeping up attacks on the "liberated areas" and driving westwards.

"Since mid-January, in conjunction with puppet troops and bandits, they have captured 15 cities and towns, including Chienchang, east of Chihfeng," said the report.—Reuter.

### MAJOR LEAGUE

New York, Mar. 18.

Major League Baseball scores are: Cleveland 8, Detroit 3, New York American 4, Boston American 3; and in double-headers, St. Louis National 6, Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia American 4, Philadelphia National 0, Brooklyn 7, Montreal 2, New York National 14, Boston National 9, Washington 10, Cuban All-Stars 6, St. Louis American 4 and Pittsburgh 1.—Associated Press.

### WEST HAM'S SWISS TOUR

London, Mar. 18.

The West Ham Football Club is making a 16-day Swiss tour early in May. They will play four matches. "If any other League side is touring in Europe at the same time, we shall try to fix up a game with them, probably in Germany, for the entertainment of troops," states Charles Fayrer, their manager.—Reuter.

Derby, Mar. 18.

Derby County, who are visiting Australia at the end of the present English season, will travel to Sydney by air. They expect to arrive in the Commonwealth on or about May 12, and to leave back by sea on July 1.

Derby's tour will be limited to 18 matches. A party of 17 will make the trip.—Reuter.

## PROFESSIONAL

Stockholm, Mar. 18.

Gunder Haegg, holder of seven international world athletic records and Arne Anderman, his greatest rival, were declared yesterday professionals by the Swedish Athletic Association and barred from amateur competition.

This was one of the most sweeping actions in amateur sports history.—Associated Press.

## Armament Depot Soccer Win

In a friendly football game at Stonecutters on Sunday, Royal Navy Armament Depot Football Club won its first match against a side from M.V. Hickory Glen by five clear goals.

The weather was far from ideal for football but both teams put up a grand show. The Glen team played with determination and dash in the first half and several times came near scoring when they broke through the Depot defence. They were well served by their half-backs, Vendittozzi, Kunjee and Bargrove, who with Napier, playing a good game in goal, prevented the Depot forwards from scoring in the first half. Although they had most of the play in the first half the Depot forwards held on to the ball too long and lack of finish and shooting resulted in the teams turning over at half time on level terms.

### Ratcliffe's Goals

Depot started attacking from the restart and McLeod scored twice in quick succession. This unsettled the Glen side who were handicapped when Gemmel left the field. Ratcliffe, the Depot half-back who was playing consistently well, scored a good goal with a left-foot drive from 30 yards and followed this up shortly after with another hard drive, which Napier had no chance to save. Martin completed the scoring with a fine goal.

Sadizky and Fernandes tried hard to open the Glen account but Colgate, Hall and Price were solid in the defence.

R.N.A. Depot:—Hall; Colgate and Price; Ratcliffe, Wilson and Martin; Terry, Honess, McLeod, Torrens and Luff.

Hickory Glen:—Napier; Campbell and Nash; Vendittozzi, Kunjee and Bargrove; Rego, Gemmel, Sadizky, Coates and Fernandes.

## Outbreak Of Plague In Mukden

Peiping, March 18.

An outbreak of a rat-borne plague is reported from Mukden in a delayed despatch from Manchuria's greatest industrial city as Chinese Nationalist troops continued to reinforce the local garrison and struggled to restore light, heat and water to the 2,000,000 inhabitants.

Power was partially restored on March 15. The Government-controlled Central News Agency reported, after Nationalist troops had overpowered the Communist elements on the south bank of the Hun Ho and gained control of the hydro-electric transformer station.

The city was plunged into darkness on March 14 and tramcar service was disrupted as well as some train schedules. Between 20 and 30 deaths from plague has been reported by the Chinese authorities in Mukden who are desperately taking emergency measures to combat the serious menace.

### Increasing Disorders

There are persistent rumours and reports that there are increasing disorders along the rail line from Mukden to Harbin, by way of Changchun. This route is along the Russian route of withdrawal and the Central News said that south-bound trains from Changchun are being stopped at Tienling, north of Mukden, and have at present ceased running entirely.

Divisions from two Chinese Government armies, some of them United States trained and equipped, are reported to be in Mukden.

The army newspaper "Ho Ping Pao" said the new 6th Army, one of the China's most modern, rolled into Mukden on Saturday proudly displaying the American gear and was given a joyous welcome by the citizens.

A delayed despatch from Mukden said the 25th Division of the battle-seasoned 52nd Army was also scheduled to enter the city on Saturday.

Among the 6th Army units was the crack 207th Regiment composed entirely of student volunteers from privates to General Lo Yun-wan, its commander. Outfitted and trained by Americans, the regiment moved by train from Chihhsien.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Demand For British Goods

LONDON, MARCH 18.

AN UNPRECEDENTED U.S. DEMAND FOR BRITISH MADE GOODS IS REPORTED BY A "DAILY MAIL" CORRESPONDENT CABLEING FROM NEW YORK. HE SAYS THAT ANY PRICE WILL BE PAID IF THE LABEL IS BRITISH—AND VERY HIGH U.S. TARIFFS FORCE PRICES UP CONSIDERABLY. NEW YORK ALONE COULD SELL THREE TIMES THE QUANTITY OF BRITISH GOODS NOW REACHING AMERICA.

A single announcement by a New York store that a new consignment of goods has just arrived from Britain jams the aisles with thousands of Americans clamouring to buy. This, despite the fact that American manufacturers are turning out quantities of similar types of articles. The reason, says the correspondent, lies in U.S. appreciation of superb British craftsmanship.

In the price-lists, London has an advantage through its top fashion designers. "American fashion houses have bought complete ranges of the latest British models and Mrs. and Miss America are queuing for them." First class British lines such as china dinner sets, men's suits and motorcars, are snapped up by American buyers "because they are British, exclusive and will last."

### Sales Riot

The correspondent goes on: "British cars are a sales riot. Agents here could sell thousands. They want smart M.G.s to supply in sporty G.I.s who saw them in Britain, as well as other makes. These cars are selling not because it is hard to get new American cars these days, but because Americans have seen that British cars on the whole last longer than many American cars. Americans have noted that British cars bought here before the war still look smart and run sweetly when American cars of the same vintage and similar mileage are long past the junk heap stage."

"American experts say: 'Keep up the quality of the stuff you are sending now and you cannot go wrong. Customers are waiting so long as you maintain that British quality. Send us nothing that is cheap or shoddy—we have plenty of that sort of stuff here.'"

"When they buy anything British, Americans expect the best quality—and they are getting the best"—London Press Service.

### WOODERSON DEMOBLED

London, Mar. 18.

Sydney Wooderson, British mile record holder, who has just been demobilised, anticipates an invitation from the United States to compete in two and three mile races in which he is concentrating on next season.

If he goes to the States, he will not take part in another "mile of the century," Sydney says: "I am thinking of making this my last season on the track, but I shall continue cross-country running."—Reuter.

## Chinese Team To Visit Australia

That arrangements are now being made for the Eastern football team to tour Australia during the close season was revealed by a responsible official of the Eastern Athletic Association yesterday.

Eastern have done well in all competitions this season and have a good chance of pulling off the double. They are very favourably placed for the League championship and are in the semi-finals of the Shield Competition. The former Sing Tao players have assisted them greatly.

If plans materialise Eastern will probably be assisted by a number of players at present in Shanghai, who turned out for Eastern in Hong Kong before the war.

It will be recalled that a combined Sing Tao-Eastern team toured Australia in 1940. Games will probably be played at Singapore, Penang and other ports of call.

## Australian Tennis

London, Mar. 18.

Australians will be sadly missed at Wimbledon this summer, and there is some criticism here of their decision not to compete, especially when Evans and will be sending a cricket team to Australia later in the year.

On the other hand, it is understandable, as they have to defend the Davis Cup in Australia and do not want to make a trip to the other side of the world previously.

Harry Hopman, captain and manager of the last Australian Davis Cup team, points out that Australia holds the Ashes and England has nothing to lose and everything to gain by sending a cricket team. Australia holds the Davis Cup and has everything to lose if sending a team abroad proves a mistake.

Australia will, however, have one player at Wimbledon—young English-born Dinny Pall, whose trip is being financed by a \$1500 fund raised by his local association. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association say they have nothing the power nor the wish to stop Pall going, but think it is not in his best interests.

In the absence of other Australians, Frankie Parker of the United States becomes the strong favourite for the singles championship.—Reuter.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Mar. 18. Native fighter Jose Basora today won the middleweight boxing championship of Antilles after defeating Mario Paul Ochbe, Cuban middleweight and eight-heavyweight champion in a ten round decision.—Associated Press.

## RADIO

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1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Mantovani and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Some New Dance Music.

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3.30 p.m.—Studio—Ken Barrett at the Piano.

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5.30 p.m.—R.A.F. Dance Orchestra.—ENBA.

6.00 p.m.—London Radio.—Tommy Handley in "ITMA".

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7.00 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Some New Dance Music.

8.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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